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[Pillar, Charles H.]

[to Henry Chapman, Jr., his cousin]

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[year unclear]

No envelope.

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[mother and Susan mentioned...]

56 Rathmines Road
Dublin 24th Aug. 95

Dear Barry

I need not say that we were all rather surprised at your ~~letter~~ news about Fred, at least that he had not given us any inkling of it himself and 3 days after your letter we received one from him in which he only hinted at it, saying nothing definite. I next had another letter from him stating that he

had received a letter from you saying that you had written to me and that he had made up his mind to remain where he is. It is unfortunate that he has not done better, but I think America is now almost as much over-run as any other part of the World. Fred owes his debt to you is 165 dols. (of course the other 50 he does not now require) but I am very sorry to say that I cannot send it at present however you may rest assured that it will be allright.

I would not like to advise Fred to stay in America or the reverse, but there is one point he should not lose sight of, and that is, if he came back here a failure from America, it would tell more or less against him getting anything here. Of course if he cannot get a living there, he must come back, as I could not keep him supplied with money, and it is costly living in hotels.

I hope you have good news from Hudson;

and that he will come back quite recovered.

Mother and Susan join in love to you and Uncle Henry and thanking you for your kindness to Fred

I am your affectionate Cousin

Charles H. Pillar